

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner contends that the application contains two patentably distinct inventions, namely group (1) Claims 1-14, drawn to a laser ablation coating method using a first magnetic field to focus the plume and a second magnetic field to direct charged species to the substrate to make a thin film; and group (2) Claims 15-40, drawn to a magnetic pulsed laser deposition apparatus.

Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, invention (2) which is drawn to a magnetic pulsed laser deposition apparatus and is embodied in claims 15-40. Accordingly, further prosecution on the merits is requested for invention (2).

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the remaining species (and associated claims) in a divisional application.

At this time, prosecution of claims 15-40 on the merits is in order.

Each and every point in the Office Action dated June 9, 2003 has been addressed on the basis of the above remarks.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

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